

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LAGOS 14235 221607Z
ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 EA-07 ISO-00 AGRE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07
NSAE-00 /030 W
----- 094395 /60
R 221505Z DEC 76
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8363
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LAGOS 14235

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EPPP, NI
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NIGERIAN IMPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN BEEF

REF: STATE 305399

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WALSH. WALSH ANTICIPATES THAT AUSTRALIAN
BEEF EXPORTS TO NIGERIA MAY REACH 5,000 MT THIS YEAR. GIVEN
THE EXPANDING MARKET AND INCREASING STORAGE CAPACITY, IMPORTS
MAY GROW TO 10,000 MT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

2. WALSH HAS HAD TALKS WITH NIGERIAN MEAT MARKETING BOARD (NMMB)
WHICH HOPES TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE BEEF IMPORTS. NONETHELESS
HE BELIEVES ANY LARGE SCALE INCREASE OF BEEF IMPORTS IS NOT
REPEAT NOT NOW FEASIBLE. WALSH SAYS NMMB'S PLANS ARE NOT BEYOND
THE IN-HOUSE TALKING STAGE AND HEAVILY DISCOUNTS NMMB'S
ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY TO ACHIEVE ITS GOAL.

3. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH EMBOFFS, US BUSINESSMAN RICHARD
MCLELLAN REPORTED EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH NMMB CONCERNING
SALE OF MEAT REFRIGERATION WAREHOUSES. MCLELLAN BROKE OFF
TALKS BECAUSE HE THOUGHT NMMB WAS INCOMPETENT.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LAGOS 14235 221607Z

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONCURS WITH WALSH AND MCLELLAN'S LOW
ASSESSMENT OF NMMB. BELIEVE THAT GROWTH IN MEAT IMPORTS
AND REFRIGERATED STORAGE CAPACITY WILL COME THROUGH EFFORTS
OF NIGERIAN PRIVATE SECTOR AND NOT NMMB. SINCE PRIVATE
SECTOR EXPANSION PLANS ARE MORE CONSERVATIVE AND SEEM MORE
REALISITIC THAN THOSE OF THE NMMB, NOT LIKELY THAT IMPORTS

ON ORDER OF 10,000 MT PER MONTH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
EASUM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: IMPORTS, MEATS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: SmithRJ
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LAGOS14235
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760470-0307
From: LAGOS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761221/aaaaarvd.tel
Line Count: 64
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 305399
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 MAY 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <23 SEP 2004 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POSSIBLE NIGERIAN IMPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN BEEF
TAGS: EPAP, NI, AS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006